



In 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a “day of national dedication to the principle of government under law.” Law Day 2008 explored the meaning of the rule of law, fostering public understanding of the concept through discussion of its role in a free society.

## **Definitions**

Definitions of Core Democratic Values, Michigan Department of Education

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/10-02\\_Core\\_democratic\\_Values\\_48832\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/10-02_Core_democratic_Values_48832_7.pdf)

## **Lesson Plans**

Citizenship and You, Oakland Community Schools (Grade 4)

[http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us/scope/fourth\\_lessons/social/unit3/SS040301.DOC](http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us/scope/fourth_lessons/social/unit3/SS040301.DOC)

Core Democratic Values, Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center (Grades 4–6)

<http://courts.mi.gov/education/learning-center/curriculum-resources/pages/core-democratic-values.aspx>

Rule of Law, Courts in the Community Lesson Plans, Colorado Judicial Branch (Grades 9–12)

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Media/Education/43%20Rule%20of%20Law12-2010.pdf>

Rule of Law, This I Believe (NPR)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5442573>

Accompanying discussion guide could be adapted for the classroom.

## **U.S. Constitution**

Charters of Freedom, National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/charters.html>

Interactive Constitution, National Constitution Center

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitution/>

## **Michigan Constitution**

Constitution Search, Michigan Legislature

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

## **Videos**

Rule of Law, Bill of Rights Institute

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0MTEm2a7PA>

Rule of Law Project, Virginia Bar Association

<http://ruleoflaw-vba.org/>



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